



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

WHEREAS: Diabetes is a chronic disease in which an individual's body no longer produces or does not effectively use insulin, a hormone critical to processing glucose; and

WHEREAS: In 2017, the Minnesota Department of Health estimated that around 330,000 Minnesotan adults (or 7.8%) had been diagnosed with either Type 1 or Type 2 diabetes, with around 18,000 new cases being diagnosed each year; and

WHEREAS: High blood glucose from diabetes can lead to diabetic ketoacidosis, a serious complication that can end in death, as well as damage to blood vessels and the nerves controlling the heart, leading to adults with diabetes being nearly twice as likely to die from heart disease or stroke as adults without; and

WHEREAS: Those diagnosed with type 1 diabetes are dependent on an uninterrupted supply of insulin, along with blood glucose monitoring, to manage the disease; and

WHEREAS: The cost of insulin has tripled over the last decade, and many people with type 1 diabetes struggle to afford insulin, blood glucose strips, and basic health care, putting their health and lives at risk; and

WHEREAS: November is National Diabetes Month, and Thursday, November 14, 2019, is World Diabetes Day, marking a time to bring awareness to diabetes and the challenges faced by the diabetes community to access the care they need.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the Thursday, November 14, 2019, as:

## DIABETES DAY

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 13<sup>th</sup> day of September.

A stylized, handwritten signature of Tim Walz in black ink.

GOVERNOR

A stylized, handwritten signature of Steve Pimm in blue ink.

SECRETARY OF STATE